

## **Good Neighbor Authority Concept Paper Implementation of 2014 Farm Bill in Idaho**

### **Memorandum of Understanding:**

- 1) State of Idaho (U of I College of Natural Resources/IDL, Idaho Fish & Game / DEQ, Parks and Recreation) and USFS.
- 2) State of Idaho and Timber Purchasers Trust Fund Group.

### **Objectives for above:**

- 1) State of Idaho to provide contract services for USFS timber sale fieldwork (i.e. specialist reports, stand exams, cruise, road location, harvest systems, sale layout, marking, DxD, DxP etc.)
- 2) Timber purchasers pay into a trust fund for above field work/contract work. Successful bidder reimburses trust fund per line item included in bid/agreement/contract. Trust fund is revolving. Original contributors get reimbursed if fund is terminated.

**Tools:** Stewardship agreements, timber sales, etc. through a collaborative process.

### **Benefits:**

- 1) 1,868,047 identified for treatment in 50 areas. Restore 30% of areas (560,000 acres) – Historical range of variability, roads, culverts, watershed, streams, fisheries, wildlife, recreation, ORV's, snowmobiles. Commercial activities on 30% of restored area would equal 150,000 – 200,000 acres. These removals would equate to 1.5 to 2 billion board feet over 10 years. Using USFS multiplier of 17 jobs per million board feet that is an additional 3000 jobs annually.
- 2) Generate retained receipts for USFS for additional work throughout the forest.

### **Costs to Sate:**

- 1) One coordinator position for regions 1 and 4.
- 2) One secretarial audit position.

\* Some of the concepts here may be transferable to a Master Stewardship Agreement

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